

Application. No. 10/091,624
Amendment dated May 13, 2005
Reply to Office Action of March 8, 2005

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Reconsideration of the above-identified application is respectfully requested in view of the foregoing amendments and the following remarks. Claim 1 has been amended. Claims 2 - 9, and 14 have been cancelled. Claims 15 - 19 have been added. Claims 1, 10 - 13, and 15 - 19 remain in the case.

The claims of the instant application are drawn to a direct oxidation fuel cell which is capable of directly oxidizing a variety of liquid secondary alcohol fuels.

The Examiner suggested that claim 1 be amended to more properly enumerate the fuel species in Markush-type language. Claim 1 has been amended to do so.

Claim 14 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, first paragraph as failing to comply with the written description requirement. Claim 14 has been cancelled rendering its rejection moot.

Claims 1 and 10 - 13 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102 as being anticipated by United States Patent No. 6,492,047 for FUEL CELL WITH PROTON CONDUCTING MEMBRANE, issued December 10, 2002 to Emanuel Peled et al. Claim 1 has been amended to incorporate the subject matter of original claim 9, previously indicated as containing allowable subject matter. This amendment overcomes its rejection under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being anticipated by PELED et al. Likewise, claims 10 - 13 now depending from allowable claim 1 are allowable as they merely recite additional limitations to claim 1.

Claims 15 - 19 have been added. Claim 15 is similar to claim 1 except that the subject matter of original claim 7, also previously indicated as allowable, has been incorporated therein. Consequently, claim 15 is believed to be allowable. Newly-added claims 15 - 19 correspond to claims 1, and 10 - 13, respectively, are likewise considered allowable.

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Applicants respectfully request that claims 1, 10 - 13,
and 15 - 19 be allowed and the application be passed to issue.

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